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OFFICE HOURS	Mon-Fri	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
	Saturday	3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
	Sunday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
	<i>closed on Statutory Holidays</i>	

MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Mon - Fri	9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM or by appointment
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PRAYER BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM in the Adoration Chapel
8:30 AM Rosary in the church

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We encourage you to spend some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, anytime, day or night.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS & BECOMING ROMAN CATHOLIC

- For newborns, any weekend Mass.
- For school aged children, after being catechized.
- For adults interested in becoming Roman Catholic call the office for more information.

WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

MINISTRY TO AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please advise us if you have someone ill at home, in the hospital, or in a local nursing home so that we can minister to them.

FUNERALS

Please contact us and your choice of funeral home. For information on Catholic burial, please contact the cemetery office at 905.522.7727 or 1.800.661.5985, or visit www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca

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- Assumption High School
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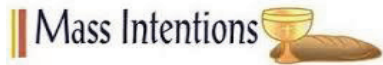
Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

The angel of joy; patron of: travellers, bearers of good news and men and women seeking a good spouse.

See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 6 at 9:00am
+ Mary Germann

Tuesday, December 7 at 9:00am
+ Anton Mazan

Wednesday, December 8 at 9:00 am
+ Ben MacDougall

Thursday, December 9 at 9:00am
+ Souls in Purgatory; + Ana Clerridge
+ Fred Reaume; + Maria Yen Pham
+ Joseph Carubba; + Aaron Tapp

Friday, December 10 at 9:00am
+ Ronaldo Santos

Saturday, December 11 at 5:00pm
+ Kevin Zelowsky; + Souls in Purgatory;
+ Epifanio & Nora Braganza; + Paul M. LaFontaine
+ Fred Reaume; + Victoriano & Fermina Cavillas

Sunday, December 12
9:00am For Our Parishioners
11:00am + Cathy Doucher

Please pray for:

Jasmine Leigh	Joseph & Madeleine	James Cook
Emma Goodale	Zucco	Maritza Garcia
Vanessa Rodrigues	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Albert Rodrigues	Elizabeth Talatala	Milan Heck
John Scharer	Asia Rae Landry	Helen Weppler
Doug Pudsey	Noah Landry	Jane Urquhart
Peggy Evans	Alison Zierl	Laith Yousif
Lee Olds	Rosario Herve	Mary Lilly
Stephen Pustai	Jill Olds	Vincent Stanford
Michael Smart	Joanne Pringle	Frank Clarke
Kyle Elliott	Robert Connelly	Marie Bond
Elizabeth Elder	Jones Rodney	Ron Robertson
Heather Allen	Barbara Fisher	Gary Olds
Frank Sicoli	Laurie Suddaby	Helen Sheehan
Nicola Izzi	Rev. Fred Olds	Lorraine Evans

If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish or included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office by Tuesday morning.

"Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendour of glory from God forever." Those words from Baruch are in the first reading for the Second Sunday of Advent. Luke's Gospel offers us a first look at the promise of John the Baptist as he cries out, "Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER:
Pope Francis writes: "**The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone.**" **Laudato Si' # 95**

Avoiding the commercialization of Christmas is a real challenge for everyone. The Liturgical Season of Advent helps us focus on our spiritual preparation for Christmas and on the Birth of Jesus into our hearts and homes. Advent can also be a time to "**Think Green**"! Over the Sundays of December, you and your family are encouraged to experience an Ecological Christmas Season.

On December 5th, we celebrate **World Soil Day**. We contribute to the contamination of soil in many ways, especially during the Christmas Season, through the use of plastic bags, wrapping paper, plastic disposable dishes, cups and utensils.

As you wrap gifts and celebrate with family and friends be mindful of choosing environmentally friendly alternatives to wrapping paper. Using recyclable gift bags (no tissue paper) or reusable cloth bags are good alternatives. When celebrating with family and friends use paper plates that can be recycled in the **green bin**. Remember that plastic plates and utensils go into the **blue bin**. Do your part to protect the earth from unnecessary garbage and contamination. "**Be the Solution to the Pollution!**" **(FAO)**

Shopping locally is also a good way to "**Be the Solution to the Pollution!**"! Remember that online shopping is not really free; it comes at a great cost to the environment through excessive packaging!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUAOr_nGELU&feature=youtu.be

https://action.storyofstuff.org/sign/buy_nothing_do_something/

SHOP LOCAL AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

Think Green this Christmas!

IN OUR PARISH

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 28, 2021



Envelopes (105)	\$3,314
Loose	\$254
Building Fund November Collection (32)	\$654

Thank you for your continued support!

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator. Envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order by last name. For assistance, please contact the office.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: If you would like your own copy of the 2021-2022 Sunday Missal for \$5 please purchase them in the parish office during the week or in the Welcome Area of the church after weekend masses.



JOURNEY OF FAITH: Please join us every Wednesday for our Journey of Faith sessions. This week's topic is *The Liturgical Calendar, Mary and the Saints*. We will discuss the meaning and importance of each season in the liturgical calendar; how different colours give meaning to these seasons; and how readings are chosen for each year/season. We will also discuss Mary and the Saints. Our next session is on **December 8th from 7 - 8pm** in our **Parish Centre**. For more information, please contact the parish office at 905-637-2346.



"THIRD SATURDAYS" BIBLE STUDY:

Women of all ages join us via Webinar **December 18th, at 9:30am**. A monthly one-hour webinar igniting passion for reading the Bible and applying the Word to our lives. Refresh, restore and renew our faith. No bible experience required. Pray and share together with other women. To sign up please RSVP to michele@forgionegroup.com or leonyhettinger@bell.net See you soon.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Knights of Columbus Council 5073, serving St. Raphael, St. Patrick & St. John Parishes, sold their Hall this year and are now based at St. Raphael. During Covid 19 meetings have been online via Zoom. Knights' community support projects have continued via Halton Columbus Charities. New members are welcome, please contact Chris Beaver at 416-565-7241.

HALTON COLUMBUS CHARITIES: Halton Columbus Charities, the registered charity of Knights of Columbus Council 5073, has supported over 22 Burlington organizations and community needs in 2021. Unfortunately, the 2022 Cash Calendar sale has been cancelled due to Covid 19. Please direct any enquires or tax-deductible donations to: Halton Columbus Charities, 4072 New Street, Burlington ON L7L 1S9

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE STAMP PROJECT: In the past St. Raphael Parish has supported the Development and Peace Stamp Project. The Stamp Project helps raise funds so that Development and Peace can continue working towards Social Justice. A shipment of stamps collected before the Development and Peace Office was closed due to the pandemic, was recently sent from our parish. We will begin again supporting the Stamp Project, and the Social Justice Committee is asking parishioners to save their cancelled stamps from Christmas Cards and any other mail. We will notify you at the end of January as to how we will collect the stamps from you! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support of Development and Peace and their work in the world!
Cecilia Racine and Lorene Dicorpo

PLEASE NOTE BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:
Fri. December 10th at 9am for December 19th bulletin.
Tues. December 14th at 9am for December 26th bulletin.
Mon. December 17th at 9am for December 30th bulletin.
Mon. December 20th at 9am for January 2nd bulletin.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24th
4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25th
8:30am, 10:00am, 12 noon

Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, December 26th
9:00am, 11:00am

Feast of Mary Mother of God
New Year's Eve: Friday, December 31st
5:00pm

New Year's Day: Saturday, January 1st
9:00am, 11:00am

Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 2nd
9:00am, 11:00am

(Registration and tickets will be required only for the Christmas Eve Masses at 4pm and 6pm. Every person attending either of these masses must have a ticket. All other masses will be open on a first-come, first-served basis. A link to the registration page will be available on the parish website starting Monday, December 6)

COATS FOR KIDS: Knights of Columbus Council 5073, via Halton Columbus Charities, was able to provide new winter coats for 31 children and teens at Assumption Secondary and St. John, St. Patrick, and St. Raphael Elementary Schools. Thank you Giant Tiger, Burlington, for your involvement.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: ClearView Church (Oakville) is once again holding the "Surviving the Holidays" 2-hour FREE **online** seminar. This year, it will be on Tuesday, **December 14th from 7 - 9pm**. A warm welcome is extended to all who are struggling through the Christmas and holiday season because of the overwhelming effects of grieving the loss of a loved one. <https://www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/39072>

THE ADVENT VIDEO SERIES: This video series, prepared annually by the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), features Regina Archbishop Donald Bolen this year. He focuses his five presentations on current Indigenous concerns leading to healing and reconciliation. The first two talks are already available on the CCCB website: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/> This series is a prayerful way for Catholics to prepare for Advent and for the Indigenous Delegation to Rome, December 12, 2021.

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